



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Clark County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Victoria A. Thomas** (LPN60123783) with allegedly being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental condition.

## Cowlitz County

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **William Jon Larson** (CO60269718). He must undergo substance abuse monitoring or his credential will be placed on probation for three years.

## Grays Harbor

In April 2012 the Health Care Assistant and X-ray Technician Programs charged health care assistant and X-ray technician **Debra E. Bland** (HC60132898, XT60196485) with unprofessional conduct. Bland allegedly called-in, or had other staff call-in, prescriptions for herself that weren't authorized by a physician.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **David W. Surenok** (NC10094590) with unprofessional conduct. Surenok was convicted of first-degree

child rape, and first-degree child molestation in 2012. His credential is currently expired but subject to renewal.

### **King County**

In April 2012 the Medical Commission ended an agreed order against physician **John H. Addison** (MD00018359). Addison's license to practice in Washington is unrestricted.

In March 2012 the Pharmacy Board denied the pharmacy assistant application of **Yun-Chang Chu** (VB60264470). Chu falsely answered a question on his application and failed to mention that his Washington registered nursing assistant credential had been placed on probation.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Estera Gradinaru** (NC10050430) with unprofessional conduct. Gradinaru allegedly failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

In April 2012 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Adrian P. Pawlowski** (DE00007990, CS10000246) with unprofessional conduct. He also has a permit for moderate sedation. While performing surgery on a patient, Pawlowski allegedly allowed the patient to fall under deep sedation. The patient had to be transported to a hospital, and Pawlowski allegedly failed to report it. Pawlowski also allegedly provided substandard care to two other patients.

In April 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors charged veterinarian **Eric E. Schneider** (VT00002015) with unprofessional conduct. Schneider allegedly practiced for more than eight years with an expired license.

### **Kitsap County**

In April 2012 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program withdrew charges against licensed mental health counselor **Starla S. Allen** (LH00004595).

### **Pierce County**

In April 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors amended the statement of charges against veterinarian **William J. Briskey** (VT00001336). The care Briskey provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating patients for debarking and ear cropping. One patient died as a result of Briskey failing to provide proper post-surgery medication.

In April 2012 the Massage Program charged **John M. Hathaway** (MA00020721) with unprofessional conduct. Hathaway had sex with a patient. Hathaway also pleaded guilty to violation of protection order — domestic violence, obtained by the patient.

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission corrected a statement of charges against registered nurse **Olga S. Kimbrel** (RN00157008). Kimbrel allegedly failed to document the administration or wastage of controlled substances on more than 40 occasions. Kimbrel allegedly admitted that she had diverted narcotic medication.

### **Snohomish County**

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of registered and certified nursing assistant **Ryan T. Kelley** (NA60107763, NC60199864). Kelley was convicted of residential burglary in 2007 and possession of a controlled substance — cocaine in 2008.

### **Spokane County**

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Melissa J. Seed** (NA60012625) with unprofessional conduct. Seed allegedly left a quadriplegic patient, who's dependent on caregivers for toileting and incontinence care, in his feces and didn't clean him on more than one occasion. Seed was also allegedly rude to the patient and other patients living in the adult family home. The Department of Social and Health Services determined that Seed neglected to provide necessary care and services in the home.

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Robert Allen Miller II** (CO60255495). Miller must either undergo substance abuse monitoring or his credential will be placed on probation for at least three years. He must comply with specific terms and conditions.

### **Thurston County**

In April 2012 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program charged agency-affiliated counselor **Joshua Alan Black** (CG60152558) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012, Black allegedly entered into a diversion program for a 2011 felony charge of voyeurism, later amended to harassment with sexual motivation, a gross misdemeanor. He allegedly used his cell phone to take an unauthorized photo underneath a woman's skirt in a parking lot.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credential reinstatement of certified nursing assistant **Rebecca J. Elam** (NC10102470). Elam must comply with terms and conditions.

### **Whatcom County**

In April 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Deana Ottum**, also known as Deana Popple-Ottum, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. The program alleges she adjusted and sold hearing aids, tested patients' hearing, represented herself as a practitioner and provider, and failed to refund or pay patients for hearing aids returned to her office. She isn't credentialed as an audiologist or hearing instrument fitter/dispenser in Washington.

In April 2012 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Lorna Margaret Phair** (D1.60225817) and placed her registration on probation. She entered into a deferred prosecution for the charge of driving under the influence.

## Out of State

**California:** In April 2012 the Medical Commission ended the probation of physician **Robert S. Kahn** (MD00038546). Kahn's license to practice in Washington is unrestricted.

**Colorado:** In April 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jason D. Wooldridge** (RN60100773) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of resisting arrest and obstructing a peace officer in 2010. He also allegedly diverted fentanyl for his own use while employed at a medical facility in 2010.

**Nevada:** In April 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Michele A. Langholz** (RN60115585) with unprofessional conduct. Langholz allegedly diverted fentanyl from at least one patient, and tested positive for fentanyl during a drug screen.

**South Carolina:** In February 2012 the Medical Commission denied the physician and surgeon application of **Chadler R. Burgoyne** (MD60221761). Burgoyne failed to provide requested information.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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